

DRIEHAUS DISCUSSES LOWER TAXES FOR 99 PERCENT OF WORKING OHIOANS IN 2009

Ohio Lawmakers Underscore Tax Cuts in Recovery Act

WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Steve Driehaus today was joined by Senator Sherrod Brown and other Ohio members of the House of Representatives to discuss the tax cuts that saved working Ohioans an average of \$1,046 in 2009. Highlighting a report showing that 99 percent of Ohioans paid lower taxes, Rep. Driehaus and his colleagues underscored the success of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in helping middle-class families and turning around Ohio's economy.

"Whether it's a family purchasing their first home, parents sending kids to college, or working Ohioans who have seen more money in their paychecks, people across the state are feeling a lighter burden today," said Rep. Driehaus. "Thanks to the Recovery Act, 99 percent of working Ohioans paid lower taxes in 2009, and those savings are helping families and businesses as we continue on the path toward recovery."

According to a [report](#) released earlier this week by Citizens for Tax Justice, 99 percent of working families and individuals in Ohio benefitted from at least one of the tax cuts signed into law by President Obama. The report shows that the Recovery Act provided:

- Expansions of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), providing the lowest 60 percent of income earners in Ohio an average of \$152 in benefits in 2009.
- The Making Work Pay Credit, providing working Ohioans with about \$496 on average.
- The Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) relief measure, ensuring fewer working Ohioans are hit by the AMT.
- The American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC), which reduced taxes for families paying for higher education.

The complete report can be found here: <http://www.ctj.org/obamastaxcuts/oh.pdf>

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